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# Moose moving to store units next to Cork & Bottle

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

The Belleville Moose Lodge plans to make its move this week end from 831 E. Huron River Drive in Van Buren Township to a new temporary site in a strip mall at 1000 Sumpter Road, next to the Cork & Bottle party store, also in VBT.

Robert Coutts, administrator of the Belleville Moose Lodge #934, said they plan to move items the week end of May 17, 18, and 19 and turn the former Moose building over to the new owners on May 20 or 21.

Coutts said the BYC has been patient and many BYC members are also Moose members. The Moose will be paying a total of \$2,000 per month rent for two units in the strip mall, which will be their temporary location.

"It's up to the members to support the club," Coutts said.

Last December, Coutts said the BYC made a "rather generous offer" to buy the Moose property, which had been up for sale.

The BYC is a private, social group that had purchased a lakeside lot at 430 N. Liberty Street in the City of Belleville and had planned to build its clubhouse there. The BYC stands for Belleville Yacht Club, but that name cannot be used because it is legally owned by the owner of Johnny's Grill.

On Sept. 13, the Belleville Planning Commission approved the BYC's plan to build a two-level private clubhouse of 7,300 square feet. That was almost double the size of the 4,300 square foot clubhouse approved by the city planning commission on Nov. 10, 2011. No construction ever started there.

The Moose Lodge at 831 E. Huron River Drive in Van Buren Township also is on Belleville Lake. The assessed value of the property for 2012 was \$515,900. The

parcel has 3.98 acres and a huge parking lot in front.

In early January, Coutts announced the BYC exceeded the requirements for the purchase price given by Moose International for the property and building, although he did not disclose the price. The closing on the property was due for the end of January.

It was a friendly agreement and the BYC gave the Moose until after the International Dart Tournament it was hosting at the end of April to vacate the premises.

The BYC first gave the Moose until May 1 to move out and then extended that to May 30 when the Moose had trouble finding a place to move.

Coutts said the Moose was looking at multiple options and the members have to do what is financially best for the club.

"Our goal is to stay in the tri-community area and continue operations," Coutts said in January.

That was the month the Moose submitted a proposal to buy Sumpter Township's PNA Hall, Coutts said. He said he met with township attorney Rob Young and Supervisor Johnny Vawters.

Discussions continued for four months
-- through April -- when the township said
it was no longer interested in selling the

Coutts said the Moose made three proposals on the hall to Sumpter and received no counter offers.

On April 23, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees went into closed-door session to consider the sale or rental of the PNA Hall to the Moose. After the session, Coutts said township attorney Young told him he couldn't get a majority of four people on the board to agree.

That was the end of the PNA option.

Coutts said the Moose considered the Progressive Hall in Romulus, but that

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

At left, Belleville High School senior Andrew Lunder and, at right, BHS Student Council lead advisor Melissa Linzell, assisted Van Buren Township Clerk Leon Wright, center, as he put on a real election for Student Council candidates. Linzell, a math teacher, had students come to the polls in the Student Commons during their math classes on Tuesday. After voting, students went back to classes with "I Voted" stickers on their chests. The project to teach students about voting was made possible by a generous donation from the Charles B. Cozzad Rotary Foundation and financial assistance from Judge David Parrott and L&W Engineering, with ballot production and coding by Elections Systems & Software and Inland Press.

# Davenport introduces plans for strip mall at Amerman property

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

An upscale strip mall is what Davenport Brothers are planning for the former Amerman lumberyard and house property next to the railroad on East Columbia Avenue in the City of Belleville.

The addresses are 270 S. Liberty Street and 164 E. Columbia.

For the first half hour of the Belleville Planning Commission's regular meeting on May 9, architect Wade Hoppe introduced planners to the project that he said Davenport is "eager to pursue."

He said South Liberty Street bisects the property and the Belleville City Council will consider vacating that part of the street at its regular meeting on May 20.

The site has access to sanitary sewer, water and a storm water line from two directions.

"There have been several efforts to

develop this property," Hoppe said. One proposal was an apartment complex. Another, proposed by the late Chesley Odom, was a Westborn Market grocery store.

Hoppe said the strip mall will be along East Columbia Avenue and will feature a variety of spaces for tenants, with two larger areas. There will be provisions for taking out walls between units to make larger areas.

Parking will be along the front and the side of the site, with circulation to the back for employee parking. The preliminary plans show two retention ponds for storm water control that will empty into the wastewater sewer on Wabash Street.

Hoppe said it would be upscale with a lot of amenities. It would be attractive to draw good tenants.

"What it exactly would look like is yet to

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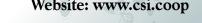
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# Van Buren Public School Board approves two more contracts

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education unanimously approved two more employee contracts at Monday's regular board meeting.

A two-year contract for the 21 members of the VB Association of Educational Secretaries had several concessions. It was ratified by the union on April 23.

In the past, the 10-month secretaries received 10 vacation days that they couldn't take and then got paid for the two weeks at the end of the year in one lump sum. That has been discontinued, but could be reinstated for the 2014-15 school year, should the district's financial condition improve.

The contract also used to allow for \$160 per secretary who works 30 hours or more to be set aside in a flexible spending account for secretary needs. That also has been discontinued.

The total savings to the district was about \$6,500 with the two concessions.

The second year of the July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015 agreement calls for an economic reopener.

Tuition reimbursement for classes to improve competency and skills on the job has been discontinued and there are changes to sick leave for family illness.

### VB Administrators, Supervisors

The other contract approved by the board was a one-year agreement with the 16 members of the VB Administrators & Supervisors Association. It runs July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 and was ratified by the union on April 24.

The contract agrees to add six additional work days to their 2013-14 contract without additional pay. That was the only change.

Shonta Langford-Green, the district's Director of Human Resources, said it will save the district an estimated \$54,000 for them working extra days, expected to be split between the beginning and end of the school year, without extra compensation.

Board Treasurer Sherry Frazier questioned this being the only change in the contract, and no 5% pay cut.

Trustee Scott Russell admonished Frazier for asking about something that was discussed during private negotiations.

"They were not asked to give up any steps," Frazier said, comparing them to the teachers' agreement. She said they will be in the buildings for those six extra days without anyone to supervise.

In other business at the May 13 meeting, the board:

• Approved this summer's Sinking Fund glass and glazing replacement projects

for \$590,333 by lone bidder Peterson Glass and the extension of parking lots at Edgemont and Rawsonville schools for \$50,165 by Asphalt Specialist, Inc. (about \$10,000 less than expected). Gino Del Pup of Plante Moran filled in for Paul Wills for the presentation on the projects;

- Approved terminating the following teachers as of June 30: Linda Clayton, 35 years, Owen, retirement; Lori Spangler, 34 years, Rawsonville, retirement; Stacy Tubbs, 11 years, BHS, resignation; Michael Komaromi, 10 years, BHS, resignation; John Raul Buison, 1 year, BHS, resignation; Cherita Hill, 1 year, Edgemont, resignation; Kimberly Henry, 1 year, Rawsonville, relocation; and Shannon Kelley, 1 year, BHS, resignation;
- Approved terminating the following support staff: Patty Burrell, secretary in Plant Operations, after 21 years of service as of June 30 because her position was eliminated; and Paula Young, after 31 years of service as a bus driver, as of June 14 for retirement:
- Approved a June 8 field trip to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, for about 120 of the McBride Middle School eighth grade band and choir members;
- Approved a Schools of Choice Declaration for the 2013-14 school year noting the district will offer a limited number of openings in all grades;
- Approved the Wayne RESA budget resolution and appointed School Board Secretary Kevin English to vote on behalf of the school board in the June 3 Wayne RESA Biennial Election; and
- Heard School Board President Brent Mikulski announce that the scheduled May 20 workshop is cancelled and the next workshop will be June 21 (which Frazier said was her birthday). The next board meeting will be June 3 at 7 p.m. at the BHS Auditorium for Employee Retirement Recognition. A disciplinary hearing, expected to be in closed-door session, was set for May 14.

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Distinguished Graduates posed for a photo before their May 4 induction into the Belleville High School Hall of Fame. From left are Genevieve Schultz, who accepted the posthumous honor for her cousin, the late Fred Dunayczan, Class of '60; Lynn Halton, Class of '81; Richard McQuaid, Class of '75; and Karen Skszek Mida, Class of '71.



Photo courtesy Belleville Area Little League

Saturday, May 11, was opening day for the Belleville Area Little League's 2013 Spring Season. During the opening-day ceremonies, B.A.L.L. paid honor to the memory of Dawn Gentz, who passed away on April 2, by having her son Matthew Gentz throw out the ceremonial first pitch. He threw a "strike" right down the middle of the plate. Pictured with Matthew is B.A.L.L. president Sue Stabnau, Matthew's dad Michael and Matthew's brother Preston.

# Belleville man airlifted to U of M Hospital after hitting semi May 5

A Belleville man was rushed to the University of Michigan Hospital by a helicopter after an accident on Michigan Avenue at Haggerty Road in Canton Township the morning of Sunday, May 5.

The 23-year-old man was pinned in his Ford F-150 pick-up truck after driving

into the rear end of a semi trailer. Canton Township fire fighters extracted him.

Witnesses told Canton Township police the man was heading eastbound on Michigan Avenue at Haggerty when he attempted to change lanes and struck the rear end of a semi trailer. The semi driver, a 28-year-old Dearborn man, felt a vibration and thought he may have blown a tire.

The pick-up had heavy front end damage with intrusion into the cab from the impact, causing the driver to become pinned.

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...By Rosemary K. Otzman

# OPINIONS

<u>Editorial</u>

# Sequester cuts hit Sumpter Township Head Start classes

As of June 10 the Sumpter Township Head Start program will be closed down, another victim of the ill-conceived federal sequester cuts

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Township Supervisor Johnny Vawters told his story. He said there had been rumors that the Head Start program in the Sumpter Community Center would be closed, so he and Clerk Clarence Hoffman went to a county meeting at the Kay Beard Building. They learned of the plans caused by the sequester cuts.

Vawters said this is a hardship for the young families in Sumpter Township since many don't have transportation to the Head Start program at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Belleville and the St. Anthony's program will have fewer openings and part-time teachers

Vawters started lobbying to keep Head Start in Sumpter. He called this official and that official, going up the chain, but nothing helped. Sumpter offered to give Head Start free rent in the Community Center. It pays \$17,000 a year now for a section of the building. But that wasn't enough. He was told if all the entities gave free rent to Head Start it still wouldn't be enough to keep it going. There are 36 Sumpter children and 93 from other areas in this Head Start, he said.

Vawters said he hasn't given up, but he doesn't know where else to turn. Sad time for children in Sumpter.

# **EXTRA THINGS I KNOW**

There was an Onsted school bus full of lively high school boys at Wendy's on Rawsonville Road at noontime last Thursday. I asked one of the young men what they were doing here and he said they were on a field trip to LKQ in Van Buren Township. A lesson in recycling?

You may recall that LKQ bought Darrell Ibach's D&R Auto Parts that was at the present site near the intersection of Haggerty and East Huron River Drive.

Darrell was in my class at Belleville High School. I forget why he didn't graduate, but it didn't matter because he made himself a millionaire many times over without the diploma. He passed away a few years ago.

LKQ is an international corporation with more than 500 locations, including a new group it acquired May 1, Sator Beheer, headquartered in the Netherlands.

But D&R was all Darrell.

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Former VBT Director of Public Safety Jerry Champagne is now assistant director of the Wayne County Regional Police Academy at Schoolcraft College, where he has taught for several years.

When Jerry left VBT he went to work as Ecorse Police Chief and then was elevated to Ecorse Public Safety Director by the Emergency City Manager when he developed cross training police for fire work. The fire fighters haven't been trained for police work yet.

The VBT Police Department has a presence at the police academy with Dennis Brooks a teacher at the firing range and his son David Brooks (a Romulus officer) teaching physical fitness.

There was a reserve graduation ceremony



at Schoolcraft last Thursday night and 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green was present to see her son graduate as a reserve with the City of Romulus.

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The VBT Planning Commission was discussing New Lawn Sod Farm's Corn Maze present layout and future plans during its May 8 commission meeting. Sally Hodges of McKenna Associates, the township's planning consultant, was going over a site plan and asking about different things she saw on the plan.

They discussed the fire pit, two bounce houses, the pedal car track, corn cannons, sandbox with tires, super slide, barrel rides, ponies and the petting zoo, and other activities.

She asked about a fence on the plan and what that was for. Scott DeBuck said that was for their family dogs. They put the dogs in there to keep them from running away. Obviously, not part of the corn maze.

Future corn maze activities could include a two-acre, haunted maze, but that would take the hiring of 30 people to go in there to scare people and they're not sure they want to do that now. Then, they are considering zombie paintball, which is real popular in other venues these days.

The DeBucks also plan to buy a donut machine, which, by the time they add in the fire suppression, will cost about \$20,000.

George Roman, a Belleville senior

citizen, received a big envelope from the National Committee to Preserve Social Security & Medicare, asking for money and asking him to send a pre-written letter to Congressman John Dingell to ask him to support Social Security and Medicare.

The letter to George starts out "I don't want to alarm you..." and then goes on to say alarming things.

George and I think this is a scam and should be thrown out.

Congressman Dingell supports these programs, so why badger him about it? Seniors shouldn't be scared into sending money to an independent committee.

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At Monday's School Board meeting, I noticed there was a new window treatment on the big windows that overlook the retention ponds at the BHS Commons. In past meetings, the bright sunlight coming in through the windows backlights the school board and made it hard to see sometimes. No more. The filmy window covers shield the bright sun. No one mentioned this at a public meeting, but now it's in place.

Sumpter's State Rep. Bill Lavoy will start having meetings with constituents from 10 to 11 a.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Sumpter Community Center. May 20 is the first session.

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# Letters

## **Pastor White did not** 'approve of a beer tent'

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to your article in the Independent on Thursday, May 9, 2013: "City Council turns down request for beer tent at boat event in park.'

For the record, I did not "approve of a beer tent." Grace Baptist Church has consistently been opposed to the use of alcohol. I have received a couple of phone calls from individuals who could not believe that I was approving of the sale of alcohol. Therefore, I feel I need to respond to the public by the following:

For the record, I was contacted by a representative of the Belleville Central Business Community (CBC) "as a courtesy" because they wanted to have a beer tent at the Boat Show in July. I asked, why are you calling me, and the response was that our church is within 500 feet of the event. My response was that I did not feel they needed my approval and that the law of 500 feet would probably be circumvented as in the past. It is the responsibility of the Liquor Control Commission to contact the church in regards to the decision it would make in issuing the permit.

My experience with the City and the Liquor Control Commission (LCC) comes from two events in the church's past. One with the restaurant now called "The Bayou" and the other is "Johnny's Grill," both of which are within the 500-foot measurement.

Especially "Johnny's Grill" in which the representative of the LCC came and spoke with me about Johnny's applying for a liquor license and saying, that, "They will NOT get the license because they are well within the 500-foot measurement." Then the very next week the same gentlemen came to me and said, "They are going to

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receive the license because they are beyond the 500-foot measurement."

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- 1. Determine the shortest route between the two.
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- 3. Measure the distance between the two points located in the center of the road. If any turns are taken, measure to the center of the intersection, then turn, continuing down the center line of the road you have

High Street should have been the only reference used.

In regards to the "Beer Tent" and due to the fact that a new liquor license was not involved, and a request was being made for a one-day event, I said, "If you indeed get permission to have a beer tent, I would appreciate it if you would place it at the far end of the park, rather than across from the church property."

I was not approving of the "Beer Tent," I was basing my comment on our past experiences and the probability that permission would be granted to have it no matter what the church's position was.

Pastor Robert White Grace Baptist Church Belleville

Editor's Note: At its May 6 meeting, the Belleville City Council voted 3-2 to not write a letter to the LCC to endorse the request for a beer tent for the July 20 Boat Show at Horizon Park.

### Last call for the Sumpter **Country Fest Cutest Baby** Contest being held Memorial Weekend, May 24-27.

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Receiving degrees were Mohd Zalmout, Marcus Adams, Shannetta Dixon, Maria Jimenez, Marc Boudreau, Chaunte Roberts, Sabrina Pierre-Isaac, Kyra Crandol, Scott Wortinger, Sheila Bryant, Tiana Baker, Miriam Scherkenbach, and Dana Booker

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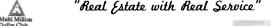
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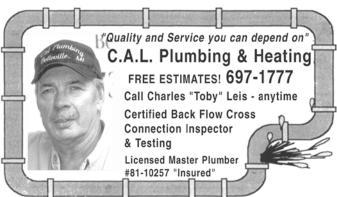
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# **Obituaries**





John Orskey

#### JOHN ORSKEY

(March 26, 1926 - May 8, 2013)

John Orskey, age 87 of Belleville and Roscommon, MI, passed away on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at Heartland Healthcare Center of Canton. He was born on March 26, 1926 in Star Junction, PA, the son of John Oravsky and Agnes Kaliney.

He is survived by his wife, Jean E. (Renton) Orskey; four children, John (Janet) Orskey of Belleville, Shirley (Robert) DeBell of Texas, Mary (Kim Fairchild) Ivan of Canton, MI and David (Lisa) Orskey of Pennsylvania; 6 grandchildren Gabe (Adi) Ivan, Courtney Ivan, Hilary (Dave Stelzer) Ivan, Amanda Orskey, Andrew (Crystal Evans) Orskey, and Joseph (Maggie) Orskey; and two great-grandchildren, Chloe and Riley Ivan.

Mr. Orskey was of the Methodist faith and was also a member of the Masons. He loved woodworking, flower and vegetable gardening and the outdoors, especially playing outside with his grandchildren and his dog Molly. John proudly served his country in the United States Army. He retired from the automotive industry after many years of loyal service.

John is preceded in death by his parents, two sisters Mary and Ann and an uncle, Frank.

Visitation was held on Friday, May 10, from 3 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 11, from noon to 2 p.m. at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI. The funeral was at 2 p.m. with Pastor Gordon Moore officiating. Cremation rites were

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project and would be appreciated by the family. Please sign John's guestbook at www.davidcbrownfh.com.





Betty Ellen Hopka

#### **BETTY ELLEN HOPKA**

(October 16, 1922 – April 30, 2013)

Betty Ellen Hopka, age 90, of Vero Beach, Florida, and formerly of Belleville, passed away April 30, 2013 in Florida.

Daughter of the late Bennett W. Thiede, Sr. and Hazel E. (Graden) Thiede. She graduated from Belleville High School in 1940.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Thomas Hopka. She is survived by her daughter Toni Lynn Schwartz of Belleville.



#### **HARRY WILLIAM BELOUS**

(July 1, 1949 - May 8, 2013)

Age 63 of Cement City passed away at Allegiance Hospital, Jackson. Served in U.S. Army. Survived by 2 sons, 3 grandchildren, 2 brothers. Cremation rites have been accorded. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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Gabrielle Mussehl

#### **GABRIELLE MADELEINE MUSSEHL**

(July 18, 1927 - May 9, 2013)

Gabrielle Madeline Mussehl, age 85, a 60-year resident of Van Buren Township, MI., passed away on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at the Rainbow Rehabilitation Center, Farmington Hills, MI.

She was born in Schiltigheim, France on July 18, 1927, daughter of Guillaume Brod and Madeleine George Brod.

Survived by her friends, Helen and Pete Foster of Van Buren Township, MI., Kathleen Sobczak, Jeanne Aichele and their sons Jeremy and Jonah

Gabrielle was employed as Deputy Treasurer and retired after many years of service in Van Buren Charter Township. She made many friends at work and at the Rainbow Rehabilitation Center. She also was a valued volunteer at the Canton Public Library.

She is preceded in death by her husband Robert who passed in 1998, two sons, Richard who passed in 1991 and Mark who passed in December of 2000.

Visitation was 2-8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. A Remembrance service was held on Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel. Memorial Contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice.

## KENDRA SHELISE CAMPBELL

(February 3, 1984 – April 20, 2013)

Kendra Shelise Campbell, age 29, of Youngstown, Ohio, and formerly of Belleville, died April 20, 2013 in Cleveland.

She was born to Bridget Moss and Kevin Marchbanks on February 3, 1984. She was the first of twins followed by her sister, Kenya.

Kendra was a fun, loving, sweet individual with an infectious laugh. She enjoyed fashion, doing hair and nails, decorating and acting. She was unique with a very memorable personality and sense of humor.

Kendra was chosen by God to bless the home of Jerry and Lynda Campbell in 1992. There she attended Van Buren Public Schools, where she graduated in 2002 from Belleville High School. Her graduation wish was to be reunited with her birth mother, Bridget Moss.

She was attending Rapheal School of Beauty in Ohio before her illness where she received an Honorary Graduation Certificate in November

Kendra leaves her cherished memories with her children, Jordan and Jerrell; parents, Jerry and Lynda Campbell; birth mother, Bridget Moss; her siblings Lorna, Jerry, and Inga Campbell, Keicia and Keshawn Lang, Gary (Erica) Campbell, her twin, Kenya, Kortez, Krystal, Demetrius, Achaia and Nathaniel Campbell, Dennis and Tiffany Shelby, Denice Roquemore, Keira Zhane' and Donde. Special niece and nephew, Semaj and AJ; best friends: Alana Beard, Regina Walker and Anna-Marie Williams and a host of cousins. nieces, nephews and friends from Youngstown, Ohio and Michigan. Visitation with her family was held Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at Janowiak Funeral Home, 19865 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI. Funeral service was held Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Messias Temple Church in Ypsilanti with Bishop Harry S. Grayson officiating. Entombment followed in United Memorial Gardens. To sign her guestbook, please go to www.Janowiakfuneralhome.com "Where Families Come First."

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# **More Letters**

# What a great and giving community we deliver to

To the Editor:

We would like to say thank you to the people of the City of Belleville and Van Buren and Sumpter townships for leaving your canned and boxed goods at your mailboxes for us to collect for the Annual Food Drive.

We collected 14,000 pounds of food which will go to a food pantry in our area for families in need. Once again we are glad to see that we deliver to such a great and giving community.

Belleville Letter Carriers Lynn Taylor, chairperson

## Thank you to some very special people!

To the Editor:

A very special thank you to some very special people!

Thank you to the many in our community who helped to support the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), better known as your mailman or mail lady, during the 21st "Stamp out Hunger" food drive. So many of our neighbors put our non-expired, non-perishable foods to help feed those in need in Belleville, Sumpter

The community's efforts increased donations over 2,000 pounds above 2012. A total of 14,107 pounds of food was

The federal government equates a pound of food is worth \$1.66 = \$23,477.66! The food collected is shared by St. Anthony's Catholic Church, First United Methodist Church Food Closet and the Plymouth Salvation Army, the organizations that serve our community.

Thank you to the local Belleville Post Office for the use of the facility. To the workers and community businesses who supplied lunch, the staff and family members that worked all day to help deliver, sort and package the food collected and to Lynne Taylor of the Belleville Post Office who coordinated the drive.

Thank you to the many folks from St. Anthony's and First United Methodist Church who spent many hours weighing, sorting and packaging the food.

Thank you to Keith Johnston of Johnston Lithograph and Bob Thorne of the Belleville Current for picking up tons of food and delivering it to both the churches and to the folks who helped load and unload all the

Thank you to Laurie Aren from the Plymouth Salvation Army for coordinating everything, from all of the publicity, to the ground work with the post office, to the final day of collecting, weighing, sorting, packing, etc., etc., etc.!

Thank you to the many volunteers who gathered Monday at First United Methodist Church to re-sort, package and store the food, making ready for distribution at the

Most of all, thank you to those who donated food, too. It shows that there are folks in this community who care for others and are willing to share. This is a community of truly wonderful people and we are blessed.

Thank you each and every one who shared in this demonstration of the charitable nature of our neighbors.

Sandy Askew, Coordinator First United Methodist Church of Belleville Food Closet

### Julien's Garden to be dedicated on May 21

To the Editor:

Julien's Garden will be dedicated on Tuesday, May 21, at 7 p.m. at Savage Elementary School. May 21 would have been Julien Vanderlinden's 8th birthday.

Julien, his mother Linda and brother Matthew, were taken from us much too soon in the horrific events of last August.

Julien's Garden will be a fitting tribute to the memory of a little boy who loved science and school. We invite all community members to come and see the dedication.

It takes a lot to get a garden built and we have many people to thank! First, Marci Anderson, Master Gardener, who designed a beautiful butterfly garden for us that allowed us to receive designation as a Monarch Butterfly Way Station to help the butterflies on their annual migrations.

Second, Gardener's Choice for donating the topsoil and mulch -- thank you so much! Third, Garden Fantasy for selling us the plants for the butterfly garden at wholesale price, which was very helpful to our budget. Fourth, Wal-Mart, for providing us with refreshments for the dedication and bubbles for attendees to blow -- and thanks to Wendy Rytman for facilitating that donation. Fifth, Johnston Lithograph for donating the beautiful programs for the dedication.

Luke Sentkowski, Amber Lloyd, Claira Cowger and Asia Dobbins are Belleville High School sculpture students who designed an amazing tile for the garden. Darlene Honie Loyer Gerick designed a gorgeous cover for the program and was an immense help due to all of her Belleville connections! Derek Rafferty is providing the sound equipment for the dedication. Savage Beautification Day workers did the soil preparation and Girl Scout Troop 20414, with leaders Susan Rizzo-Melidosian and Darlene Honie Loyer Gerick, planted the garden.

We received monetary donations from several families, but the Van Buren Fire Fighters started us off with a sizable donation and really got the ball rolling.

Morgan Bennett, a classmate of Julien's, did a fundraiser on her own and raised over \$100. The Gerick, Hinks, Roehl, Roue, Russell, Samaneni, Tangirala and Rizzo families all donated.

Edgemont Elementary donated in honor of Naomi Roberts. Robert and Bonnie Vandenbergh also contributed, as did anyone who dropped a dollar or two into the Julien's Garden bucket at PTO functions.

Thanks to Julien's classmates who are going to perform selections in his memory at the dedication: Marina Gerick, Ellie Russell and Aadi Samameni. Thanks to Mrs. Kelley Villa, principal of Savage Elementary, Mrs. Kim Dybicki and Mrs. Amy Hinks, past teachers of Julien, and the Savage Elementary PTO Board (Kelly Doty, president; Lenore Sykes, vice president; Susan Rizzo-Melidosian, treasurer and Angel Graddy, parliamentarian) for their support and assistance.

I have been amazed at the generosity the Belleville community has shown to this project and cannot thank everyone enough for all of their assistance. Hopefully the students and teachers of Savage Elementary will enjoy this garden and Julien's memory will be honored for years to come.

Thank you, Andrea VanDenBergh Chairperson, Julien's Garden Project Van Buren Township

## **Birthdays**

May 15 – Alice Topash

May 23 – Matthew Parnondez

May 24 – Julian Topash

May 26 – Bob Sheldon

May 27 – Abby Vella

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# **Belleville merchants** are our family!

To the Editor:

Recently, I entered our Belleville Pro Hardware store on Main Street and asked to talk to Mike, the owner. I had a problem and I knew I could count on him as he has always answered my call for help in the

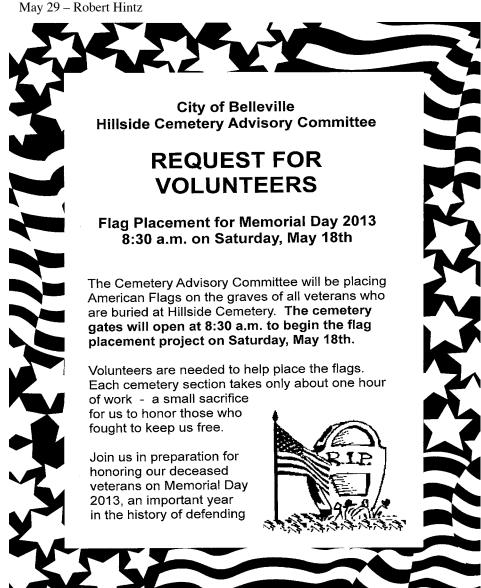
His reply: "Sure, Ruth. How can I

I said I needed a place to store the Community CHRISTmas tree ornaments until next winter. Right away, he began moving some of his stored items and made room for my containers.

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# **More Letters**

# **VBT's Otisville** Cemetery in bad shape

To the Editor:

From: Name withheld by request

Subject: Otisville Cemetery

Today I went to visit the grave of a friend (Cathy Horste) and I can tell you for all the time she put into this township and work on the history and the cemeteries, she has to be rolling in her grave at the way this Cemetery is maintained.

I saw nothing but downed tree limbs, branches, even a fallen tree along with the old leaves from last year stacked up in all the corners and in the back of the cemetery. Even the grass cutters just drove around the downed branches and leave piles, but they didn't miss an American flag that got chewed up by the mowers.

I have been to visit a lot of friends and relatives over the years that have passed and the cemeteries in those communities (private and public) are well kept and maintained. What is up with Van Buren? Are all the cemeteries in this bad of shape?

I guess out of sight out of mind is the best solution to this township, and when all the junk trees in this cemetery fall and take out the old headstones, they can just put a closed or out-of-business sign at the gate of this historical cemetery.

I have attached some photos.

Thanks for letting me vent.





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# **Thunder Rolls in** Belleville on May 27

To the Editor:

This Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, the Brown Funeral Home and Brown Family Center are proud to sponsor the ninth-annual "Thunder Rolls in Belleville." This is a special tribute to honor all veterans, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives to protect our nation.

The ceremony is preceded by a one-hour, police-escorted motorcycle ride through parts of Van Buren Township and then into Belleville. Participants in the ride register and line up for the ride starting at 11 a.m. in Wayne County Community College Western Campus' front parking lot, located just north of the Haggerty Road/Interstate 94 intersection, on Haggerty Road in Belleville (9555 Haggerty).

More than 300 bikes are expected this year with the number increasing every year. We have all makes of bikes with many of the riders being veterans themselves. Many proudly fly our American Flag during the ride. It is quite a sight to see.

We even post the map of the ride in the local newspapers and have many who stand along the route waving their flags and cheering the riders on. There is a \$10 donation for riders and all riders are welcome. Each year a special pin is designed and given out to all paying riders. The money will benefit local veterans and their families.

The bikers make their way to Belleville's Veteran's Memorial in Horizon Park, located off Belleville Lake on High Street. west of Main Street. The estimated arrival time is between 2 and 2:30 p.m. Once all are assembled we will then begin the heartfelt ceremony. At 2 p.m. we even have a C-47 flyover coming from Willow Run Airport.

The Honor Guards of Belleville's VFW and PLAV and Honor Guards of Canton's Young Marines, lead us in the ceremony. We usually have a few different speakers each year. This year it is an honor to have Darcy Monier, mother of Specialist Donald McCune of the U.S. Army National Guard, as our main speaker. Donald was the first Washtenaw County casualty in the Iraq War on Aug. 5, 2004.

During the ceremony there will be a time in which we will honor local veterans who have died in the past year by announcing their names in a bell-ringing ceremony.

The ceremony is also filled with special songs and prayer and a meaningful performance of "Taps" by Ross Medos. The ceremony itself will be approximately

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### Moose move

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didn't work out. The Moose had a special meeting in early May and decided to rent space temporarily from the Cork & Bottle.

They will attempt to move their liquor license and lottery terminals to their new location. Coutts said they have to talk to the Liquor Control Commission about that and with Van Buren Township about the liquor license move and possible zoning restrictions.

Meanwhile, on May 7, the VBT Board of Trustees passed a resolution approving a new Club Liquor License with Entertainment Permit for the BYC at 831 E. Huron River Drive. The township granted the club's request to skip the preliminary application and move forward quickly.

The property at 430 N. Liberty Street is for sale, but it will be used as the BYC headquarters for this Saturday's Belleville Lake Cleanup activities, an annual project.

# Davenport mall

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be determined," Hoppe said, adding that evening's presentation was to introduce the public to what is coming. He said they will be back with a site plan to begin the formal process.

Commissioner John Juriga called the plan "a great idea," but he said South Liberty Street should be changed back to a two-way street to alleviate the traffic problem in that area.

City manager Diana Kollmeyer said they have briefly talked inhouse about two-way traffic on South Liberty next to the park, but it was put in place to make it safe for children.

That street and Five Points is owned by Wayne County and, "Wayne County is its own entity."

Hoppe said there will be sound attenuation to help keep down the sounds from the trains.

Juriga, who lives on East Huron River Drive, said since the Amerman house was removed, the train sounds come right down Madelon Street to his house. He said he hoped the strip mall would cut off the sounds to his house.

Commissioner Mike Renaud asked if there are any potential tenants and Steve Davenport said he has potential tenants but doesn't have any signed leases.

Davenport said he met with the real estate person for the railroad to see if the developers could landscape the railroad right of way. He said he was told the right of way is leased to Dr. Louis Leonore and to John Hoops at the Belleville Mill.

Commissioner Henry Kurczewski said he learned that Five Points has the most accidents in the area. He wondered if traffic from the strip mall couldn't be run to South Street along the tracks.

Davenport said the leases have to be honored.

Mary Jane Dawson who lives across the street from the site of the proposed strip mall said, "I'd be very happy to see something across the street. They do great work."

Resident John Gage said he was worried about all the traffic the development would bring.

Davenport said they have proposed making Liberty two way again, which would help.

Another resident said she lives on Columbia behind this property and at 5:30 a.m. when she leaves for work, she has to wait for traffic to clear before she can leave. She said it is very congested.

Another resident who lives in the second house on Columbia from Five Points said in the morning and when the schools let out, traffic is backed up to Madelon Street.

Harlan Davenport said at 7 a.m. the traffic is backed up, but the strip mall wouldn't open until 9 or 9:30 a.m. and be open to 5 or 5:30 p.m.

"It's an issue," he said, adding if Liberty Street was open [two ways], when it backs up, people could head down Liberty Street to wherever they have to go.

"This highlights an issue with Five Points," said Commission Chairman Steve Jones, who noted a traffic study is needed by Wayne County on Five Points and South Liberty Street to facilitate movement of traffic.

A resident, Vivian, who said her backyard abuts the Davenport property, said it's not pretty from her backdoor and hasn't been for some time now.

Hoppe said they would put a screening fence or wall barrier.

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The intersection has had fatal accidents in the past and the work is being done to increase safety of the crossing.

Work was scheduled to begin on Wednesday, May 8, and finish by Aug. 5. Drivers are advised that dates are tentative and could be influenced by the weather.

Periodic lane and shoulder closures will be

utilized throughout this project. Traffic will be maintained with flagging operations when

Van Buren Police say traffic delays are likely and motorists are encouraged to seek an alternate route. To maintain the safety of road crews, motorists are asked to be especially mindful of construction equipment and personnel and reduce speeds accordingly.

The Washtenaw County Road Commission. which is doing the work, thanks drivers in advance for their patience as these improvements are completed.

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# Ask Angela

By Angela Nettro

I am here to answer questions pertaining to buying or selling real estate. Send your questions to "Ask Angela", c/o *Belleville-Area Independent*, 152 Main Street, Ste. 9, Belleville 48111 or send me an email at <a href="mailto:nettroandco@comcast.net">nettroandco@comcast.net</a> . I'll answer questions in this column.

Question from Martin in Sumpter Township: I recently bought a multi-acre parcel that was split off from my neighbor's property. The split was approved and the property was Homestead taxes. The split-off property I bought is between my property and my neighbor/seller. Will I be able to claim Homestead on the property I bought even if I do not close by June 1 (the cutoff for filling a Homestead)?

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# Erica Porzondek earns MCC Service Award at Hope College

Erica Porzondek of Belleville, a sophomore at Hope College in Holland, MI, is among 16 Hope students being recognized by Michigan Campus Compact for their dedication and commitment to service. The awards were presented April 13 during the MCC's 2013 Outstanding Student Services Awards Ceremony at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing.

Erica was among the students earning Heart and Soul Awards, which marks service spanning a wide range of activities.

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# 2013 SUMPTER COUNTRY FESTIVAL

**Memorial Weekend** 

# **Thursday, May 23**

Carnival & Beer Tent Opens @ 5pm — Closes @ 11pm

# **Saturday. May 25**

Carnival & Beer Tent Opens @ 12 Noon - Closes @ 12 Midnight

12 pm - Parade -

Starts at Judd & Sumpter Rds.

Impersonators/Tribute Artists ..... 2pm - 10pm

**Emceed by Jimmy James** 

Ray Charles Jerry Lee Lewis Loretta Lynn

**Toby Keith** 

Live Music - 10pm - Close



### **EVERYDAY EVENTS**

Beer Tent
Craft Vendors
Silent Auction
Cutest Baby Contest
Free Children's
Entertainment

# Friday, May 24

Carnival & Beer Tent opens @ 5pm - closes @ 12 Midnight

D.J. Music ..... 5-7 pm

Princess Pagent .... 7pm

Live Music "Thurst" .... 8 pm - Close

# **Sunday. May 26**

Carnival & Beer Tent Opens @ 12 Noon – Closes @ 12 Midnight

Classic Car Show ..... Noon

D.J. Music 12-4pm

Live Music "Laura Wilkie Band" 4-8pm

Live Music "Mason Dixon Band" – 8 pm-close

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Rain date – Monday

# **Monday, May 27**

Carnival & Beer Tent Opens @ 12 Noon – Closes @ 10pm

ALL AMUSEMENT RIDES ~ \$1.00

**D.J. Music 12 - 3pm** 

Live Music "T.J. Thomas & Kentucky Strait Band" 3 – 6pm Auto Enduro Demo by U.S.A. Demolition Derby – 6 pm D.J. Music 6pm – Close Sumpter Country Fest is located at:
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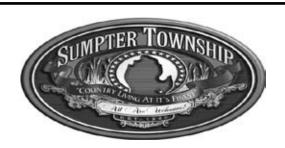
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# **Sumpter Township Public Notice**





# SUMPTER TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT 2012 Water Quality Report

Our department is proud of the fine drinking water it provides and is honored to provide this report to you. The 2012 annual Consumer Confidence Report on Water Quality show the sources of our water, lists the results of our tests, and contains important information about water and health. The Sumpter Township Water and Sewer Department will notify you immediately if there is ever any reason from concern about our water. We are pleased to show you how we have surpassed water quality standards as mandated by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The State and EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to insure its safety.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

### Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

**Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

**Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

**Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

**Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

**Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health."

#### Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Sumpter Township is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead">http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead</a>.

### Where does my water come from?

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in

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# **More Letters**

# I'm having another bottle drive at the Moose

To the Editor:

Hello, local readers. My name is Jacqueline Riley, but in the Army Cadet

program of Selfridge, I am known as Cadet Staff Sergeant Riley.

I will be conducting a bottle and can drive on May 17, in the Belleville Moose parking lot, located at 831 E. Huron River



Drive, to help defer costs of my 4<sup>th</sup> annual training in Millersburg, Kentucky.

As the First Sergeant I will be responsible for four platoons of cadets, while also performing staff position duties. I will work directly underneath the Command Sergeant Major and help him be accountable for the safety, well-being, and day-to-day life of every cadet on base.

Annual training is quite expensive. My goal is to meet the \$650 registration fee. I will be receiving returnables between the hours of 5 and 7:30 p.m. and any monetary donations will be appreciated.

I will display some of my Army gear and will be there to chat about my experiences, future plans, and aspirations with this program. Being a young, 16-year-old, female in this program is always a challenge, but those challenges only make me a better leader.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to meeting you on May 17. Jacqueline R. Riley Van Buren Township



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# Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



**Augusta Woods** manufactured home community on Rawsonville Road will be holding its annual community-wide yard sale this weekend, May 18-19, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

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Congrats to **Barb Rayburn**, who won the Mother's Day Package of gifts from Main Street Flowers last Friday. Besides a dozen roses, Raybun received a massage from My Day Spa, a hair cut from Styling Center, jewelry from Showroom of Elegance, dinner at the Bayou Grill, and some Avon gifts.

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Curves Internationals announced last Friday that the 2013 Curves 15th Annual Food Drive brought in more that the anticipated 100,000 donation goal. With that, the company will donate 10 % of March 2013 profits to national charity Blessings in a Backpack. Food was also being accepted at the Belleville Curves.

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A Dinner, Silent Auction, & Euchre Tournament fundraiser will be held June 1 at the Eagles on Beck Road. Proceeds will go to the family of Dawn Gentz, who passed away April 2 following a battle against Melanoma. Tickets are \$25, which includes dinner and entry to the tournament. There will also be a cash bar available. Doors open at 5 p.m. Call Shelly Papineau at (734) 368-6354 or Gary Shelburne at (248) 894-3301.

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The Belleville Church of God on Hull Road behind the Van Buren Fire Station will be holding its 1st Annual Blessing of the Bikes & Bike Show this Saturday, May 18, beginning at 11 a.m. Trophies will be awarded for first through third places. Pre-registration is \$10 per bike and \$5 for each passenger and \$15 per bike the day of the show, and \$5 for passengers. Proceeds will go to the Ministry of God's Favor through the church. The event is drug and alcohol free. All bikes are welcome. For info or to register call John Hiberath at (734) 915-7115 or email havingfaith73@yahoo. com.

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The Belleville High School Jazz Band will be performing dinner music once again next Tuesday, May 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Belleville Charhouse. Reservations can be made but are not necessary. Call (734) 699-9959.

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**Doug Dalton Auctioneer** of Belleville will be holding his final indoor auction for the winter/spring season tomorrow evening, May 17, beginning at 5 and 6 p.m. at (continued on page 17)



# **Sumpter Township Public Notice**



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partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very low" to "very high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

DWSD has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. DWSD participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. If you would like to know more information about this report or a complete copy of this report please, contact your water department (734)461-6201 ext. 2242.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

#### For additional information check out these websites:

Sumpter Township-sumptertwp.com
American Water Works Association-awwa.org
State of Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality-michigan.gov
Southeastern Michigan Council of governments-semcog.org

Or for more information or a printed copy of this report please contact:

Sumpter Township Water and Sewer Department 23480 Sumpter Road Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 461-6201 ext. 2242

Southwest Water Treatment Plant 2012 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Fluoride   8/14/2012   ppm   4   4   0.85   n/a   no   Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.	Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water		
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2012 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap							
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Violation Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%) Violation yes/no							
0.20 NTU 100% no Soil Runoff							
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.							

2012 Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System							
Regulated Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water		
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	in one month		Naturally present in the environment.		
<i>E.coli</i> or Fecal Coliform Bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive.	entire year		Human waste and animal fecal waste.		

2011 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap									
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water	
Lead	2011	ppb	0	15				Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.	
Copper 2011 ppm 1.3 1.3 Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.									
*The 90th percent	*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile								

\*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.

Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Running annual average	Monthly Ratio Range	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant			
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	actual TOC removal and	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.						

2012 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	5.08	Erosion of natural deposits

Collection and sampling result information in the table provided by Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) Water Quality Division, ML Semegen.

	Key to Detected Contaminants Table							
Symbol	Abbreviation for	Definition/Explanation						
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.						
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.						
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant level goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRLDG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.						
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.						
ppb	Parts per billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.						
ppm	Parts per million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.						
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.						
ND	Not Detected							
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.						
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.						
HAA5	Haloacetic acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichoroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids.  Compliance is based on the total.						
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromoochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on total.						
pCi/I	picocuries per liter	a measure of radioactivity						
n/a	not applicable							
>	Greater than							

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the Romulus Progressive Hall. Previews start a 4 p.m. See his ad in today's paper for a list of some of the items and visit his website at wwwdougdaltonauctioneer.com for lots of photos. Call 1-800-801-6452.

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Unified Communities Credit Union here in downtown Belleville and in Canton has extended its low rate auto loans specials, to as low as 1.75 % APR. Even if you don't have good credit, you can still get a great rate. Get a free gift for simply applying. Call (734) 697-4800

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Smokers House in the plaza near the Secretary of State has just opened offering discounted pricing on cigarettes, cigars, tobacco, incense; roll-your-own accessories, lighters, pipes, and everything you might expect in a smoke shop and more. See their ad in today's paper for specials and valuable coupons. Call (734) 325-7358.

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Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at 734-699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no cost to be in this column.

# **More Letters**

# Every home, business in Belleville can fly the flag

To the Editor:

This is to all Belleville residents and all my South Biggs Neighbors.

This is the second-annual effort to Make OUR South Biggs Street "unique" in the City of Belleville. Last year EVERY house on S. Biggs had a flag displayed – 100% participation!

Flag Day (June 14) is fast approaching and an attempt is being made to have a flag displayed at every home and business in Belleville.

I am expanding my drive to include the entire City of Belleville. Here's your chance to demonstrate pride in OUR COUNTRY.

Once again, I am encouraging all my South Biggs neighbors AND the city, to have a flag at EVERY home and business. Let's repeat last year's 100% effort on South Biggs Street and add several more streets with 100% participation.

It would be great if every home and business in Belleville had a U.S. Flag displayed. Show the rest of Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan, and the entire country how proud we are to be a U.S. Citizen, creating a sense of pride in our neighborhood and our Country.

Flags are readily available at Meijer, Walmart, and most hardware stores and are relatively inexpensive.

If you already have a flag, be sure to display it on June 14.

Pete Pitzen

South Biggs Street, Belleville

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Photo courtesy Van Buren Public Schools

Darryl Niner, who has been a Belleville High School English teacher for 22 years, was named Teacher of the Year in a presentation on May 10, topping off Teacher Appreciation Week activities. A group of administrators, teachers, and students surprised him with balloons, a certificate and a \$100 dollar VISA gift card. He will also have his picture displayed in the high school as the 2013 recipient. This honor will become a yearly event to acknowledge the employees in the Van Buren Public School district.

# Things to do in the Belleville area...

- Thursday, May 16 A salad luncheon starts at noon at St. John's Lutheran Church, 28320 Waltz Road, Waltz. \$8 donation. To be assured of tickets call Diana: 734-654-6366. Sponsored by St. John's Ladies Aid/I WMI.
- Friday, May 17 You're invited to the free Outdoor Family Movie Night at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Road, New Boston, (734) 654-9020. The movie is "Willie Wonka and the

Chocolate Factory" with free popcorn. Hot dogs and soda pop available. Gathering at 8 p.m., movie begins at dusk. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

- Friday, May 17 Or, you could go to the free family theatre at 7 p.m. at Evangelical Friends Church, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis Road, Ypsilanti, 734-483-6380. The Bounce House begins at 6:45 p.m. Great family movies on the BIG screen, popcorn and drinks, all free. Featuring "Nature of God: Great Lakes Discoveries" and "Book of Ruth."
- Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18 St. Anthony Church invites you to its annual rummage sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Donors to the sale may start dropping off items at the gymnasium

# **Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice**

On Wednesday, May, 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1998	PONTIAC	4D	1G2HX52K2W4231031	13-6483
1998	FORD	4D	1FALP6539WK149783	13-6997
1998	MERCURY	4D	2MEFM75W4WX644808	13-7099
2002	DODGE	PU	3D7HU18N82G189756	13-7531
2001	PORSCHE	2D	WP0CA29801U624079	13-7531
2005	FORD	4D	1FAFP53205A181513	13-7531
1996	PONTIAC	SW	1GMDU06EXTT222262	13-7847
1998	ECONOLINE	TR	42EDPHD26W1001641	13-8014

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1998	OLDSMOBILE	4D	1G3WX52K8WF385735	13-6164
2001	CHEVROLET	PU	1GCEC14V71Z295765	13-2332
2004	DODGE	4D	1B3EL46XX4N124246	13-6556
2008	CHRYSLER	4D	1C3LC46KX8N100808	13-7592
2002	HONDA	4D	3HCG66552G703804	13-8872
2002	KIA	4D	KNAGD126025142779	13-9353
1989	CHEVROLET	2D	1G1LW14W8KY233086	13-9827
1995	CHEVROLET	2D	1G1JC1248SM111563	13-9827

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright, Van Buren Township Clerk Published: May 16, 2013

doors as of May 6. Please, no large items or furniture. 699-6817

- Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 17, 18, 19 St. Stephen's Church in New Boston is hosting its 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Polish Festival. Bands all weekend long Polish Mass held Sunday at 11:30 a.m. 734-753-5268.
- Saturday, May 18 You can help the Hillside Cemetery Advisory Committee place flags on veterans' graves in preparation for Memorial Day. Cemetery gates open at 8:30 a.m. and volunteers only need about one hour to complete the task.
- Saturday, May 18 There's a Blessing of the Bikes and a Bike Show beginning at 11 a.m. at Belleville Church of God, 45170 Hull Rd. Also, a bike run called "God's Best Hand" will be played. Winner gets a \$200 gift card. The event will feed as well as clothe people who are in need. Information: (734) 697-0927
- Saturday, May 18 U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be at Horizon Park at 1 p.m. They invite you to

wear your life jacket and help them set the world record for most life jackets worn on one day.

• Saturday, May 18 – Belleville High School pool

• Saturday, May 18 – Belleville High School pool is open 1-3 p.m. for a Family Swim. Cost is \$5 per swimmer.

• Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, May 19 -

- Register your children for Belleville Cougar football and cheerleading from noon to 2 p.m. at the Van Buren Township building. The Cougars also are looking for experienced cheer coaches. www.bellevillecougars.com

   Sunday, May 19 The Canton Farmers Market
- begins its regular season from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. today at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge, and will be open every Sunday, rain or shine, through Oct. 20 (except July7).

   Sunday, May 19 Bring your pug to SE Michigan Pug-N-Play at 2 p.m. at the Wayne County
- Sunday, May 19 Bring your pug to SE Michigan Pug-N-Play at 2 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Rd. Off-leash playtime with other friendly pugs and pug owners. Free, but donations accepted.

# **Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice**

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 7, 2013

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Miller. Absent: Trustee McClanahan (excused). Others in attendance: Interim Planning and Economic Development Director Mullen, Executive Assistant LaMothe, Secretary Cline and an audience of nineteen (19).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Wright seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of New Business Item #6 "Consider the Township's attorney recommendation regarding pending litigation in the case of Gamble v. Van Buren Township". Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes April 14, 2013; Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 15, 2013; Voucher List of May 7, 2013.] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Supervisor Combs stated she received a telephone call from a resident in appreciation of the Public Safety Department for their assistance with a gas leak at her home

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Hart moved, Jahr seconded to adopt Resolution 2013-08 a Club License with entertainment permit for BYC (Belleville Yacht Club) to be located at 831 E. Huron River Drive, MI 48111, Wayne County, Van Buren Charter Township. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the request of budget amendments for the Supervisor's office. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Jahr, Hart, Budd, Wright and Combs. Nays: Miller. Absent: McClanahan (excused). Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve Wiese's Lawn Care for the 2013 mowing of Non-Township owned properties and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contract.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2013-05 the Board of Trustees Meeting Conduct Policy as amended. Carried.

Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve Resolution 2013-09 and to approve Storm Water Maintenance and Repair Agreement for Belle Tire. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Wright, Budd, Hart and Combs. Nays: Jahr and Miller. Absent: McClanahan (excused). Carried.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve the

Township's attorney recommendation regarding pending litigation in the case of Gamble v. Van Buren Township. Carried.

**REPORTS:** Supervisor Combs ordered the February 2013 and March 2013 Budgetary Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Combs announced the Parks and Recreation Department is currently hiring seasonal employees for their summer programs and for information contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 734-699-8921. The Belleville Area Museum is hosting an Antique Appraisal Day on Saturday, May 11th from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Also on Saturday, May 11th the Drive-In Dog Clinic and More will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at township hall including the following: Veterinarian services/Dog licenses; Rain Barrel sale; Yard Waste stickers; Recycling stickers; register for a smoke detector; Landfill Passes; Van Buren Park Passes; Goodfellows Canned Food Drive and Child Car Seat Inspections. Clerk Wright announced new voter ID cards

were mailed on April 19th to voters who reside in precincts 2, 6 and 8 to update voting location as approved by the Board of Trustees at the March 19th Board meeting. The changes are Precinct 2 - Fire Station 2 on Belleville Road will move to Wayne County Community College; Precinct 6 - Fire Station 1 Sumpter/Hull Road will move to a second precinct at Belleville High School; Precinct 8 will move back to Haggerty School. If you have questions contact the Clerk's Office at 699-8909 and information regarding voting is also on the Township's website www.vanburenmi.org under Clerk's Department. Also, the Clerk's Office will be assisting Belleville High School with their student council election next week to provide a "Lifelike Voting Experience". This project is being funded by donations from The Charles B Cozzad Rotary Foundation; Judge David Parrot and L&W Engineering; with appreciation to Election Systems & Software and Inland Press for ballot production

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 8:42 p.m. to 9:01 p.m. by audience and Board members regarding the following topics: Non-Agenda Items; Public comment period; Board policy on absences of the Board members; Township ordinances, Ordinance Officers; permit revenue; River Park Condominiums; Board members; Township wide Home Owner's Association Coalition.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Wright seconded to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. Carried. Respectfully submitted, Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor
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### **PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:**

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# **VBT Board changes Meeting Conduct Policy**

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

Although four members of the audience voiced concerns over the proposed changes to the Meeting Conduct Policy, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting on May 7 unanimously approved the new policy.

One important change is that board meetings will begin at 7 p.m., instead of 7:30 p.m., as they have in the past.

Changes to the policy were discussed at length at the March 4 work/study session and then removed from the agenda of the March 5 regular meeting for more study.

VBT Supervisor Linda Combs said the board was listening to the people and would reconsider some of the changes proposed.

Members of the audience at the March 4 work/study session especially opposed cutting the time allowed to speak from the present 4.5 minutes (one 3-minute speech, followed by a 1.5-minute speech) to 3 minutes for one time only.

In the policy approved by the board, there are two times for public input: Public Comment on unfinished business or new business (right after Correspondence at the beginning of the meeting) and Non-Agenda Items (at the end of the agenda).

The public is to stay quiet for the rest of the meeting, which didn't set too well with John Delaney, who had complained at length concerning public comment cuts on March 4.

He complained again at the May 6 work/ study session and the regular meeting on May 7, but was unable to head off the changes.

The board also will have a separate agenda for work/study sessions and the audience may address the board on specific items under discussion with three minutes time limit per speaker.

Work/study sessions will be held in the Sheldon Room and some items will be discussed at the work/study session two weeks before being put on the regular meeting agenda. This is not in the written policy, but a general agreement of board members.

There also is a section on how to call an emergency meeting and provisions made for emailing packets to board members.

Supervisor Combs said the board will try the new policy and if it doesn't work out, it can be changed.

There was a dispute between Delaney and CeJay Marshall on the policy, with Delaney critical of the change and Marshall supporting it.

Delaney said he obtained and read all of Marshall's emails that have been sent to township officials. The two men were yelling at each other, but Supervisor Combs restored order and called for a police officer. Two officers arrived and she asked them to stay until the end of the meeting.

Resident Ernie Tozer said he was disappointed in the board's attempt to limit comments by the public.

Tozer suggested putting the board packet on the internet so the people can go on line and study the information that will be considered by the board. That way, residents can print out the information they want, using their own paper and ink.

In other business at the 90-minute meeting on May 7 the board:

• Unanimously approved a resolution in support of a new Club Liquor License with Entertainment permit for the BYC which is moving into the former Moose Lodge at 831 E. Huron River Dr. BYC was represented by Scott Jones. The BYC requested skipping the preliminary application and the Planning and Economic Development Department (including Code Enforcement) and the Public Safety Department (including Fire Department) did necessary checks and gave their approval. The resolution will be forwarded to the Liquor Control Commission, which

makes the final decision. BYC stands for Belleville Yacht Club, but the private club cannot use that name because it is legally owned by the owner of Johnny's;

- Voted 4-2 to adopt a resolution accepting responsibility of the Belle Tire Storm Water System maintenance and repair agreement with the property owner and notifying Wayne County of this action. Voting no was Trustee Jeff Jahr, who has long opposed the county forcing the township to accept responsibility for a storm water system designed, permitted, and constructed by someone else and owned by someone else. Trustee Reggie Miller joined in his opposition. The two said they had nothing against Belle Tire, but opposed the county's policy. Others on the board also opposed the policy, but didn't want to punish Belle Tire, which couldn't open without being hooked up to the county system. The board asked Supervisor Combs to take this issue to the Council of Western Wayne's meeting on May 10 and she said she would;
- Approved an additional \$49,968 in budget amendments for the supervisor's office to complete action required to finalize the Jan. 8 hiring of Karin LaMothe as the supervisor's assistant, and to complete the separation of staff between the supervisor's office and the assessing department. This raises the approved 2013 supervisor's office total to \$236,348, up from the \$186,407 approved by the board. Combs said this includes buying a new computer, since the old computer from the supervisor's office was locked down as evidence in the court case. The case is over and the computer has been returned; and

· Approved the grass cutting bid of

Wiese's Lawn Care, Inc., of Van Buren Township, who has provided these services to the township over the past two years. The grass cutting will be for private properties that have received notice of non-compliance. Arthur Mullen, interim director of planning and economic development, said Wiese's cost increases from 2011 to 2013 are modest in nature. The other two bids were TMP Landscaping and Later Gator. Mullen said Later Gator of Sumpter Township was "not a local business" but had significantly lower bids on the larger parcels than the other two bidders and Mullen said he had concerns that they would be able to complete the work for these sums and remain financially viable, while their charges for extra work are significantly higher. Mullen said TMP's bid is questionable since they have the least number of larger mowers necessary for typical township jobs. Delaney said 48111 is one community and it's been said the "demigods in the north don't recognize the communities to the south." Combs stated. "We are three separate governments and we do partner with Belleville." Delaney. Treasurer Sharry Budd said the purchasing policy gives the 5% break to VBT residents because, "...they pay the taxes and they get the break".



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SPACE #G-29, Sharon Swiney - Baby chair, 19 boxes, dryer, washer, fan, stereo, speakers, suitcase, tool box, shop vac, small grill, snow board, misc.

SPACE #G-40, Matthew Morgan - Bed frame, 2 bookcases, 15 boxes, 5 dining rm. chairs, table, end table, hutch, 2 ceramic jugs, misc. items.

SPACE #O-46, Larry Mroz – 18' Sylvan boat, 60 hrp, motor, trailer.

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# Van Buren Township **Police Dispatch Log**

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

#### Sunday, May 5:

- 0006 disturbance, 11793 Meadows Cir.
- 0032 juvenile complaint, 48865 Ashbury
- 0055 noise complaint, 9867 Jackson St.
- 1000 larceny, 7981 Kirkridge Park Dr.
- 1055 property damage accident, Haggerty / N. Service Dr.
- 1147 disorderly conduct, 11041 Dewitt Rd.
- 1222 larceny, 17315 Oak
- 1236 malicious destruction of property, 11570 Beckley Rd.
- 1413 domestic violence, 11781 Meadows Circle
- 1434 noise complaint, Montague/Sumpter
- 1545 suicide or attempt, 42901 Tyler Rd.
- 1555 malicious destruction of property, 46145 Village Green Lane
- 1749 narcotics crime, 10360 Belleville
- 1839 fraud, Meijer
- 2000 ATV/ORV complaint, Jackson/McBride
- 2015 suspicious situation, EB I-94/Belleville 2052 - noise complaint, 42018 McBride Ave.
- 2125 shots fired, Martinsville/Savage
- 2124 narcotics crime, 46111 Village Green Ln.
- 2152 fireworks, 41427 Tompkins St.
- Monday, May 6:

- 0209 assault & battery, 11699 Meadows Ln.
- 0628 malicious destruction of property, 11551 Ouirk Rd.
- 0648 malicious destruction of property, 13366 Linda Vista Ct.
- 0727 malicious destruction of property, 48050
- 0851 breaking & entering, 46800 Hull Rd. 0945 - malicious destruction of property, 47616
- North Shore Dr.
- 1222 breaking & entering, 51282 Freedom Way 1236 - assault & battery, 47197 McBride Ave.
- 1335 disturbance, 45707 S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1351 malicious destruction of property, 7475 Kirkridge Park Dr.
- 1515 ordinance violation, 8701 Belleville
- 1732 larceny, 116 Peachtree
- 1830 disturbance, 9450 Haggerty Rd.
- 1842 ATV/ORV complaint, Wildbrook
- 1845 property damage accident, Haggerty BP 2051 - narcotics crime, 46425 Tyler Rd.
- Tuesday, May 7:

- 0035 disturbance, Rawsonville/Martz
- 0126 noise complaint, 48761 S. I-94 Service Dr. 0156 - shots fired, 7976 Kirkridge Park Dr.
- 0938 indecent exposure, 48691 S. I-94 Service
- 1148 malicious destruction of property, 300 Holly

#### 1303 - retail fraud, Walmart

- 1339 noise complaint, 9486 Madison
- 1406 property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis
- 1432 fraud, 9253 Parkwood Dr.
- 1505 suspicious person, 17155 Renton Rd. 1657 - harassment call, 74 Maple Dr.
- 1654 property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
- 1730 fraud, 11515 Fisher Rd.
- 1803 suspicious person, Meijer gas 1811 - larceny from auto, 45501 N. I-94 Service
- 1850 juvenile complaint, Walden Woods
- 1929 noise complaint, 41179 S. Woodbury Dr. 2146 - breaking & entering, 46915 Denton Rd.
- 2227 noise complaint, 42707 Leon Dr.
- 2335 assault & battery, 9096 Parkwood Dr.

### Wednesday, May 8:

- 0029 violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, 8837 Parkwood Dr.
- controlled substance act, 45707 S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1218 intimidation threat, 7651 Kirkridge Pk. Dr.

0300 - violation public health code/violation

- 1426 fraud, Walmart
- 1459 larceny, 10915 Belleville Rd. 1517 - juvenile complaint, 43501 S. Timberview
- 1537 ATV/ORV complaint, 6133 Dellor St.
- 1627 fraud, 14793 Brookside Dr.
- 1647 juvenile complaint, 9085 Parkwood Dr.
- 1752 breaking & entering, 13453 Country Walk
- 1848 suspicious person, 10850 Belleville 1911 - property damage accident, Haggerty Elem.
- 2110 disturbance, 49241 S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 2220 violation public health code/violation controlled substance act

- 2326 noise complaint, 6929 Anna Dr.
- 2338 suspicious person, 41555 S. Bellridge Dr. Thursday, May 9:

### 0013 - malicious destruction of property, 11199 Oak

- Lane
- 0111 noise complaint, Holly Ln./Ivy Dr.
- 0131 intimidation threat, 51286 Sylvia Dr.
- 0706 unauthorized driving away of auto, 10894 Oak Lane
- 0902 fraud, 11531 Belleville Rd.
- 1118 unauthorized driving away of auto, 10574 Oak Lane
- 1146 larceny from auto, 9500 Belleville Rd.
- 1247 narcotics crime, 41611 S. Belleridge Dr.
- 1401 assault & battery, 45150 Jeannette Ave.
- 1444 hospice, 8102 West Lake Circle
- 1531 miscellaneous complaint, McBride Middle 1740 – juvenile complaint, 7254 Castell
- 1745 property damage accident, Rawsonville / Huron River Dr.
  - 1820 ATV/ORV complaint, Buchanan/Filmore
  - 1838 shots fired, 14393 Haggerty Rd.
- 1854 disturbance, 6663 Rogers
- 1859 retail fraud, Walmart
- 1926 ATV/ORV complaint, 6346 Sandalwood
- 1926 assault & battery, 7696 Belleville Rd.
- 2022 trespassing, 8205 Kirkridge

### Friday, May 10:

- 0035 assault & battery, 6618 Maurice Dr.
- 0231 disturbance, 6618 Maurice Dr. 0330 - personal injury accident, Wendy's
- 0726 assault & battery, 45857 Ecorse Rd.
- 0834 larceny from auto, 15505 Hoeft Rd.
- 0933 larceny from auto, 6271 Monroe Ct. 1024 – harassment call, 51286 Sylvia Dr.
- 1058 fraud all, 46425 Tyler Rd.
- 1129 dumping complaint, Beck/Van Born
- 1207 unauthorized driving away of auto, 45915 S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1214 harassment call, 48541 S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1351 fraud, 11550 Belleville Rd.
- 1455 breaking & entering, 10001 Endicott Ave. 1459 - holdup alarm, 10640 Belleville Rd., Taco
- 1502 private property accident, Walmart
- 1647 property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1709 property damage accident, EB I-94 / Haggerty
- 1904 - property damage accident, DNR Rawsonville
- 1927 harassment call, Beck Ball Field
- 2026 fraud, 48621 S. I-94 Service Dr. 2056 – fraud, Walmart
- 2125 fire investigation, 6730 Rogers Ave.
- 2154 retail fraud, Walmart 2232 - shots fired, 7025 Fay Dr.
- 2259 fireworks, 45955 Ecorse Service Dr. B
- 2318 ATV/ORV complaint, 44595 Ecorse Rd.

### Saturday, May 11:

- 0052 suspicious person, 50521 W. Huron River Dr. Pine Creek
- 0104 fight, 50521 W. Huron River Dr., Pine
- 0124 suspicious situation, 6065 Rawsonville
- 0142 suspicious situation, 46101 S. I-94 Service
- 0227 malicious destruction of property, 46020 Lake Villa Dr.
- 0626 larceny, 6855 Haggerty Rd.
- 0950 malicious destruction of property, 6039 Victoria St.
- 1028 fraud, 10305 Westlake
- 1056 malicious destruction of property, 48501 S.
- 1112 larceny, 44700 N. I-94 Service Dr. 1204 - unauthorized driving away of auto, Meijer
- 1222 private property accident, Dollar Tree
- 1239 disturbance, WB I-94/Belleville
- 1430 assault & battery, 6075 Beck Rd.
- 1555 malicious destruction of property, 6337
- 1709 ordinance violation, Town & Country
- 1731 personal injury accident, Buchanan/Jackson
- 1745 fraud, Walmart
- 2227 trespassing, 6609 Outer Dr. 2320 - property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
- Also on this week's log are 271 traffic stops, 63 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

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#### Sunday, May 5:

- 0023 agency assist, 11793 Meadows 0029 - suspicious person, Victorian Ln. / S.
- 0354 assist fire dept., 210 Victorian Ln.
- 1126 animal complaint, Third/Main
- 1231 assist fire dept., Citgo
- 1349 private property accident, A&W
- 1429 parking complaint, Village Park
- 1824 animal complaint, 137 E. Columbia Ave. 2138 - fireworks, 196 Belle Villa Blvd.

#### Monday, May 6:

- 0104 suspicious vehicle, 80 Carmell St.
- 0207 property check, 506 Harbour Pointe Dr.
- 0450 intrusion alarm, 525 E. Huron River Dr. 0754 - assist fire dept., 575 Sumpter Rd., Co-Op
- 0940 intrusion alarm, 31 E. Huron River Dr.
- 1049 warrant arrest, Sumpter/Bemis
- 1137 suspicious person, 25 Main St. 1622 - bank drop, 6 Main St.
- 1939 serve warrant, 41975 Riggs Rd.
- 2113 intrusion alarm, 525 E. Huron River Dr. 2251 - suspicious situation, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Park Dr.

### Tuesday, May 7:

- 0004 suspicious vehicle, Village Park
- 0050 vehicle repossession, 275 W. Columbia Ave., 1904 – animal complaint, 506 Harbour Pointe Dr.
- 1941 property damage accident, 222 N. Liberty
- 2006 juvenile complaint, 101 Carmell St. 2049 - suspicious situation, Sumpter/Owen
- 2115 civil matter, 175 Belle Villa Blvd. 2127 - suspicious vehicle, Menlo Park

#### Wednesday, May 8:

- 0804 property damage accident, 501 W. Columbia Ave., BHS 1048 - miscellaneous complaint, 105 N. Liberty
- 1148 parking complaint, 201 Third St.
- 1701 harassment call, 6 Main St.
- 1853 assist fire dept., 265 Main St. 2220 - domestic assault, 25 Main St., minimart

#### Thursday, May 9:

- 0307 property check, BHS
- 0545 intrusion alarm, BHS 0939 - miscellaneous complaint, BHS
- 1125 assist fire dept., 142 South St. 1204 – assist fire dept. 221 Henry St.
- 1241 operating while intoxicated, 113 Clarence 1353 - warrant arrest, 46425 Tyler Rd.
- 1446 suspicious person, 148 Carmell St.
- 1511 miscellaneous complaint, 6 Main St. 1627 - animal complaint, 9740 Belleville
- 1933 noise complaint, 381 Victorian Ct. 1945 - missing person, 101 Carmell St.
- 1949 found property, Main/Fifth
- 2216 operating while intoxicated, Main/Fifth

### 2245 - suspicious vehicle, Village Park

- Friday, May 10: 0848 - animal complaint, 206 South St.
- 1327 private property accident, A&W
- 1410 miscellaneous complaint, 6 Main St.
- 1424 stalking, Victorian Ln./Savage Rd. 1611 - larceny, 550 N. Liberty St.
- 1701 intrusion alarm, 409 W. Columbia Ave. 1704 - warrant arrest, Rawsonville/Mobil
- 1757 vehicle lockout, 573 E. Huron River Dr. 2246 - disorderly conduct, 139 Carmell St.

#### 2307 - serve warrant, 354 Main St. Saturday, May 11:

River Dr.

- 0102 fight, Pine Creek
- 0147 serve warrant, J&T Towing
- 0419 assist fire dept., 38 Santa Clara St. 1032 - mental, 222 Belle Villa Blvd.
- 1405 intrusion alarm, BHS 1450 - parking complaint, W. Waterbury Ct. /
- Victorian Ln. 1533 - domestic assault, 35 Carmell St. 1851 - traffic hazard Third/Main

1855 - E-911 hang up/investigation, Main/Huron

Also on this week's log are 92 traffic stops.

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# **Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log**

#### Sunday, May 5:

- 1053 animal complaint, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
- 1220 alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1552 animal complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

- 1800 assault, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1825 fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
- 2139 suspicious person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 2335 suspicious person, Sumpter/Willis
- 0139 larceny, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
- 0229 violation public health code, Nevada
- 0424 follow-up investigation, Nevada
- 0947 follow-up investigation, Nevada
- 1655 animal complaint, 11000 bl. Rawsonville

- 0047 fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.
- 1406 assist other agency, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd. 1647 – subpoena service, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
- 1714 fire dept. assist, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1834 fire dept. assist, Oregon 1854 - follow-up investigation, out of township
- 0020 operating while intoxicated arrest, Carriage
- 0354 follow-up investigation, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
- 0843 animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
- 1129 warrant arrest, Nevada
- 1428 alarm, 46000 bl. Judd Rd. 1901 - subpoena service, Birch Ct.
- Thursday, May 9:
- 0837 fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bemis rd.
- 0937 fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 1032 threats complaint, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 2036 suspicious vehicle, Sumpter/Clay
- 0657 malicious destruction of property, Rustic
- 0731 traffic hazard, Bemis/Lohr
- 0945 civil dispute, 46000 bl. Willow Rd. 1107 - civil dispute, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 1133 larceny, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct. 1156 - fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
- Saturday, May 11:
- 0615 property damage accident, Willow/Clark 1617 - warrant arrest, Bemis/Savage
- 1619 follow-up investigation, 20000 bl. Sherwood
- 1802 missing person, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 1923 fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- Also on this week's log are 37 miscellaneous details.
- 101 patrol checks, and 57 traffic stops.

- - 0937 ORV complaint, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.

  - 1617 suspicious vehicle, Willow/Sumpter
  - 1718 odor investigation, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 2153 911 hang-up investigation, 48000 bl. Willow
- Monday, May 6:
- 0108 alarm, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 0420 noise complaint, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 0737 follow-up investigation, 36000 bl. S. Huron
- 1739 found property, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd. 2124 - suspicious incident, 17000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 1130 fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd. 1222 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1735 animal complaint, Pecan
- 2221 ordinance violation, 24000 bl. Sherwood Wednesday, May 8:
- 0857 animal complaint, Willis/Sumpter 1016 – suspicious incident, Willis/Martinsville
- 1237 suspicious vehicle, Bohn/Bontekoe
- 1958 family trouble, 50000 bl. Willis Rd. 2137 - suspicious person, Texas
- 0356 disorderly person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1018 suspicious vehicle, 46000 bl. Willow Rd. 1022 - fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1101 larceny, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd. 1229 - suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 0049 fight, 9800 bl. Rawsonville Rd. 0527 - suspicious vehicle, Kozma/Wilmot

Friday, May 10:

- 1733 follow-up investigation, out of township 2138 - follow-up investigation, 36000 S. Huron
- 0351 follow-up investigation, 36000 bl. S. Huron
- 1624 follow-up investigation, 19000 bl. Sumpter
- 1902 larceny, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 2129 warrant arrest, Sumpter/Bemis

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